

REMARKS

Claims 8, 9, 12, 13 and 19-64 remain pending. Claims 8, 9, 12, 13, 25 and 26 have been withdrawn in response to the Examiner's restriction and claims 30-64 added. Applicants reserve the right to present any canceled or withdrawn subject matter in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

The Examiner required restriction of the claims to be prosecuted between: Group I, claims 8 and 12, drawn to specific compounds; Group II, claims 9 and 13, also drawn to specific compounds; Group III, claims 19, 20-24 and 27-29, drawn to method for treatment or prophylaxis of an HIV infection using a compound of a general Markush group of formula I; and Group IV, claims 25, 26 and 29, drawn to method for salvage therapy of an HIV infection using a compound of a general Markush group of formula I.

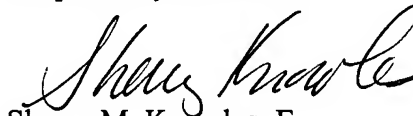
Applicants elect to pursue claims of Group III, which cover claims 19, 20-24 and 27-29, drawn to method for treatment or prophylaxis of an HIV infection using a compound of a general Markush group of formula I. Applicants have also included dependent claims to more specifically claim the invention.

The Examiner has required provisional election of a species if Group III is selected in the restriction. Applicants provisionally elect the species in which R^1 is hydrogen, $R^{4'}$ to $R^{7'}$ are halo, $R^{6'}$ and $R^{7'}$ are hydrogen, $R^{2''}$, $R^{4''}$ and $R^{6''}$ are hydrogen, $R^{3''}$ and $R^{5''}$ are alkyl and Z is $-C(=O)NR^2R^3$, R^2 is either hydrogen and R^3 is substituted alkyl. Applicants note that this compound falls within the formula in claim 19 and is not a restriction to that compound.

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If the Examiner determines any additional fee is required associated with this Amendment or any other paper attached hereto, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account 11-0980.

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